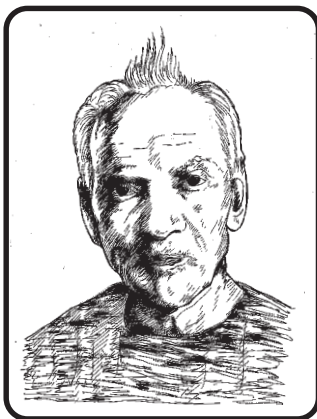


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Who is responsible for this chaos and disorder

In His vast creation God has bestowed the human species with some unique privileges. Among the innumerable creatures man is the only one capable of having instinctive compassion for the fellow beings. Barring a few self-centred human beings, for whom besides their own experience, no matter or event is of by human miseries like floods, earthquakes and famines etc. On such occasions, empathy implores some individuals to contribute their best to alleviate the situation and a superhuman is born. History abounds in such examples. The well known first-ever Sanskriti poet, Valmiki was inspired to his first verse by an injured wailing curlew bird. Heaps of carcasses of the brutally annihilated sages compelled Lord Ram to take a pledge for deliverance of the earth from the marauders.

The climax of human evolution may be considered as the stage where the field of empathy becomes so pervasive as to encompass the entire biological kingdom. At this stage, the intrinsic human excellence is manifested which is the basic motive force behind services to others. It is also the

minimal requirement of all religions. In Hindu ideology, the objective of practising “*Tapa*” (devout austerity) and “*Yoga*”, too is to awaken the dormant empathy in the seeker so that he is elevated to such a super human status that he is instantly rushes to help the downtrodden and needy. A “*Devta*” (an angel) in this world is distinguished by this inherent and ever present quality of empathy and benevolence, Intelligent, enlightened individuals seek and follow the guidance of such super-humans.

“*Swarg*” (“*Heaven*” or “*Bahisht*”) can only be the place where congregations – CO-operations of such benevolent souls co-exist. The existence of “*Swarg*” (*Heaven*) in the world beyond may only be an ideological themselves to the superhuman angelic status, the aforesaid compassionate- benevolent individuals impart to their surroundings the status of a contemporary “ *Swarg*” comparable to the aforesaid concept.

This is the age of all-round progress and achievements and man is proud of them. It is true in respect of unprecedented facilities and comforts available to mankind. High speed transport-systems like ships, aircrafts, railways and cars; and communication-media like telex, telegraphs, cinema and television were beyond imagination in not

too remote past. In ancient times, who could think of the present day mass industrial production, surgery and transplantation of human organs? Apparently, modern science has far surpassed the capabilities of the mythological Hindu architect, Vishwakarma and there is a greater hope for the future. In the field of education too, there has been a remarkable progress. Economics, political science, logic sociology, psychology and other numerous educational curricula now claim to impart much more knowledge to mankind than was possible earlier.

With these apparent achievements, man has begun to question the very existence of God. The modern thinker regards religion merely as a plethora of superstitious beliefs. For him, if not avoidable, it is simply to be swallowed like a bitter pill.

Without going into positive and negative aspects of modern scientific advancements, it is concerned that progress in various fields has been unique and unprecedented. Nevertheless, it leaves one big question un-answered. Why this apparent progress has been inviting innumerable catastrophes for the human race?

How does one account for the increasing pollution, war-frenzy, food-crisis and increasing crime surpassing all limits? To what does one ascribe the

ever-increasing physical infirmity of human race, succumbing to earlier unknown epidemics and pollution of human-thought and behaviour by evils and animosity, distrust and treachery? If this state of affairs continues, there is little doubt that Doom's Day ("*Mahapralay*") will not be far. Unwillingly, man is progressively contributing to environmental pollution and preparing a ground of mass suicide. The global warming is likely to melt enough ice in the polar regions to raise the water level of oceans well above the landmass thereby drowning all land creatures. Rapid depletion of forests, fast expanding deserts, decreases in the fertility of lands, isostatic imbalances arising from unscrupulous exploitation of mineral deposits unusual changes in weather, acid rains, atomic radiation and paucity of resources for the increasing population are some of the difficult problems facing mankind. Paradoxical it may seem but the only factor responsible for these maladies is the so called " modern progress". In other words we are paying a heavy price for a petty gains.

One feels bewildered how events are taking this disastrous turn and who on the earth is responsible? Man who considers himself too clever to find a new "*Alladin chirag*" which could conquer all the forces of the nature has suddenly lost balance. He is facing the biggest enigma of human history

where he can neither live with modern technological nor denounce it.

The fault, however, dose not lie with the technological achievements the human race is failed to rise to utilize its prudence, caution and intelligence in fruitful utilization of the gains. Only benevolent and empathetic individuals are capable of formulating policies for proper civilizations, these attributes have lost their relevance. Consequently, the achievements which should have been a boon, have become a bane of humanity.



The Roots of Unhappiness

Sky is the limit of man's capacity for acquiring affluence, but he has only a limited capability to utilize it for his personal needs. Human stomach has a limited capacity. He may acquire enormous wealth and earnestly desire to utilize it for his own, but laws of nature would prevent him from reaping the benefits beyond a certain limit. Even the most palatable food when taken in large quantity induces indigestion, vomiting and stomach disorder.

There are well defined laws governing human physical and mental activities and like other natural phenomenon, these too have their limitations. To keep oneself alive and for physical necessities one needs only limited amount of energy, efforts and resources. The moment one desires to exceed these limits, he paves a way for destruction like a river in floods, which on crossing natural embankments, destroys everything en route, besides wasting its precious resources. Exhibition of wealth and affluence is never condoned by society.

Basic human needs can be fulfilled by limited resources whereas there is no end to thoughtfulness

extravagance. An exhibitionist fool may make an attempt to impress the society, say by burning bundles of currency notes but he would be considered insane, except by a few who may appreciate for their own ulterior motives. Human lust and greed know no limits. It is literally impossible to fulfil all desires by all available resources on earth. The craving to have more remains ever insatiable. The invisible devil of desire in human ego keeps on tempting with allurements till the individual exhaust his resources and energy aimlessly running after the mirage of happiness. History is full of instances where even the most powerful warriors and kings could not succeed in fulfilling their utopian desires to their hearts content.

Today, there is a gross social disorder because man has ceased to believe in existence beyond his physical body. He does not take into account the invisible ego in him which is also considered as the eleventh sensory organ. Life after life, human mind and body conjoin to weave a web of worldly desires and it continues to suffer for various undesirable deprivations with associated uncertainties, perplexities, worries and anxieties. It is unfortunate, that instead of disentangling himself from this self-woven web, he even motivates others for similar despicable actions.

In a nutshell, this is the element analysis of modern society. Foolhardiness is generally considered deplorable but at times, it has such a strong temptation that not only individuals but people en masse fall prey to it. Consequently, society as a whole begins to behave like a large mental asylum where inmates are continuously engaged in a mutual re-creminations, instigations, prosecutions and downgrading of fellow beings. In course of this exercise, they keep on multiplying their miseries.

The creator of “Geeta” has rightly proclaimed that a “*Yogi*” keeps awake when everyone else sleeps. Thereby it proclaims that the wise looks for source of protection elsewhere than blindly suffering like the masses in their aimless pursuits of undesirable objectives. Instead of losing identity in dogmatically following the traditions bound solutions, the need of the day is to seek new pragmatic approach to the problems.

Now-a-days society is riddled with insurmountable problems of all shades. The future appears too dark when mankind seems bent upon committing mass suicide. It appears that nature has found its own solution to the unprecedented growth in population. The storm of destruction looming large on the horizon is fast advancing to destroy the

achievements and progress of the century in one clean sweep.

History testifies to the fall of many ancient civilizations without any extraneous human interference. The cause for extinction of these developed civilizations has always been a combination of three basic factors viz. Over-indulgence in sex, uncontrolled personal ambitions of a few and inflated egos. The scenario is same today. The big question is, “Are we heading towards a total extinction?” Certainly not. There is a ray of hope. Man has had the capacity to tame most violent rivers, build dams across them and utilize the water through irrigation systems. No doubt, the task to save the human race is difficult but there is hope that as in the past, mankind will rise to face the challenge and give a new lease of life to the society by providing it new values.



An Invitation to join the Crusade

There is no dearth of merry making volunteers for any destructive cause. Once a bonfire is lit, every one rejoices in adding his bit of fuel. Problem arises when you need help to thatch a roof. Very few respond to an entreaty where cooperation is needed for constructive purposes. For such contingencies poet Tagore has shown us the direction. For implementing an action-plan for noble objectives, he says, gather enough courage to act all by yourself, "*Ekla Chalo Re*". The creator of "*Geeta*" too advises the "*Yogi*" to forsake the beaten track of traditions and be alert and courageous to chart an independent course to save the humanity.

Remember, it is the leading torch-bearer who faces the uncertainties of darkness. Others follow without any fear or hesitation. When one takes an independent first step towards a noble cause, he faces ridicule and resistance only initially. Later, gradually the number of his associates increases manifold and keep on multiplying.

Action, when associated with conviction in objectives, produces a miraculous field of attraction. It

is applicable to the domain of virtues as well as vices. Just as thieves, vagabonds, characterless persons, debauches, drug addicts and tricksters do not find it difficult to establish strong links, there is no reason why persons with strong creative ideas, having moral credibility in society and acknowledged talents should always work in seclusion. Creativity has never suffered for want of assistance. Whenever someone took a bold step to establish a new order, the grace of the invisible God has manifested itself in the form of favourable circumstances. The Hindu mythology has many such examples. When Bhagirath made an effort to bring the holy river 'Ganga' to this earth for the benefit of mankind. The benefit of mankind, Brahma (God of Creation) and Vishnu (God of sustenance) could not restrain from pleading on his behalf. Not only that, Lord Shiva (God of transformation) promptly agreed to provide the much needed support. It is also well known that earlier unknown like Hanuman, Angad, Nal and Neel earned great acclamations only after they joined Shri Ram in his crusade against Ravan. The Credit they got in Shri Ram's victory over Ravan is well known.

Today, human race is in strong vile grip of every known vice. Tornadoes and whirlpools of illegiti-

mate customs and traditions are incessantly exerting their might of destruction. There is a fast spreading epidemic of lust, greed and pride confusing and torturing every human being. In different shapes, and sizes, these evils have pervaded the thought process of the entire humanity. How would then one attempt to brain-wash this vast multitude of humanity and establish the right order? The task apparently appears impossible to perform, when a common man is finding it difficult to maintain order even in his own little social set-up.

Let us not belittle the objective and enormous effort needed to achieve it. On the other hand, one must also have total faith in the grace of the Almighty who is effortlessly engaged in creation, development and transformation in the entire universe. It is true that man has very limited capabilities, but he can just do anything with the grace of God. History shows that God has always come to the rescue when things went out of hand. Should we then doubt his omnipotence – his capacity to make the impossible, possible ?

Change in time is imminent and the apparent credit for it would also go to the participating volunteers with talents. However, it should be remembered that the prime support in the effort will be given by the invisible God. The omnipresent God exists

without any infinite form or shape, but it acts through finite human bodies. In this way the messengers of God implement His will with the help of His invisible guidance and infinite support.

An air craft needs a pre-constructed runway, Prominent leaders and administrators have to be accommodated in pre-arranged appropriate clean and safe apartments. The credit for the successes of the great crusade in which divinity is going to play a major role, will go to only those individuals, who are fully aware of the present need of the humanity and have sentient consciousness and ingenuity to implement the divine will. Any thought towards fulfilment of this objective is to be regarded as contemporary form of devotion (*Yug Sadhana*).

Modern man and his society is today struggling against the problems created by unscrupulous use of talents, skill and affluence, which otherwise bring credit to the individual.

Above these three attributes is the power of empathy or sentience. This is in fact the greatest gift which the Almighty bestows on a person with a clean conscience. Assimilation of empathy in conscience transforms a man into a God man, as a consequence of which, he develops enough com-

petence to guard himself against physical attractions, temptations and influences. With the acquisition of this solitary virtue, flood-gates open for numerous positive attributes.

In a nutshell, to bring in a change in times for resurrection of virtues one would be required to totally get rid of insensible self-indulgence. The void thus created will have to be filled deeply and compactly with empathy. It is already in existence within the human consciousness as compassion in a dormant stage. It only requires to awakened and strengthened by internal stimulations.



Empathy must be Inculcated

Now-a-days everyone has joined the mad race for accumulation and utilization of worldly possessions. Money has become the basis for accomplishment of self-interest. Little wonder, man has lost his sense of direction.

However, prudence forbids this practice and regards it as utterly irresponsible. In nature even the animals and creatures of the lowest order do not make collections beyond their needs with minimum natural resources continue to contribute whatever little they can towards maintenance of ecological balance. Unless hungry, the carnivore, too, do not kill the animals grazing nearby.

Nature has not gifted man with higher status for wasting his superior calibre in the biological kingdom for accumulation and utilization of resources. He has been assigned some higher goals by the Almighty. Through continence and practice of self-control, he is expected to achieve a high level of self purification to acquire adequate strength for creating an ideal society around himself. But unfortunately man is behaving otherwise. Why is it so?

An in-depth analysis would indicate that the only reason for this erratic human behaviour is lack of empathy which makes the individual insensitive and indifferent. In the absence of empathy, he becomes so narrow-minded and selfish that he is unable to comprehend the benefits of benevolence in the form of contentment and social recognition.

An individual who does not have a sense of empathy is responsible to a body without soul, which besides being helpless to its own needs, has become insensitive to the kith and kins wailing for the departed and is soon to be disposed of before decomposition.

The dead (people without empathy) and the live (benevolent) chose their fields of activity, while the former dwell in cemetery and terrorize the passers bye, the latter are always busy in constructive activities.

In absence of commiseration (Sympathy) one loses the capacity to appreciate the environment and necessity of the persons around him. He finds no difference in chopping the wood and decapitating and innocent. He does not see any injustice in tormenting and exploitation of any individual. Such a person is not comparable to even a humanoid animal, since inspite of their comparative limitations, animals too, have their codes of conduct.

For such heartless associates of Satan, we may have to search new names like humanoid devils (*Brahma-Rakshas*, *Mrityudoot*, *Durdant Daitya* according to Indian Mythology) who would not hesitate to inflict any degree of injury to any individual for their selfish interest. These very individuals are responsible for the present crisis. Oblivious to the need of fellow-beings, they are constantly busy in acquiring and utilizing all available resources for their own need.

Today, humanity is confronted with infinite problems. It is facing crisis after crisis. The deep rooted cause for this situation is inherent human greed in which an individual does not bother about the interests of others besides those of a few whom he considers to be his own kith and kin. In order to fulfil his selfish interests, he takes the help of unfair means, which result in creation of several problems. When the majority follows this practice, the effect on the society is catastrophic.

Awakening of the empathy in the inner-self results in development of intimacy and cordiality towards fellow beings, which are natural instinctive deterrents of selfishness injustice and exploitation. Generally, the field of an individual's interest is confined to his own self and to those whom he considers his own. There is a need to enlarge this

field to encompass the entire mankind. It would inevitably give rise to a universal brotherhood, thereby creating a peaceful happy environment of reciprocal warm-heartedness.



The need for Microscopic Diagnosis

Today, the biggest and immediate necessity of man kind is to find a solution to the disorders in the society so that foundation of brighter future could be laid for safe, tensionless and happy living.

Unfortunately, the sociologists endeavour to seek solutions of social incongruities in paucity of resources. The solution for happiness is being sought in progressive augmentation of standard of living through wealth. Broadly speaking, lack of education, poverty and sickness are regarded as three basic causes of unhappiness and there is justification in attempting to formulate plans for their eradication. Nevertheless, let us pause and consider whether we are applying only cosmetic treatments to these deep-rooted maladies.

To begin with, let us consider poverty. Nature has gifted man with adequate physical and mental capabilities to sustain not only self but even those around him. Besides, after fulfilling his basic needs he can save enough to utilize for selfless benevolent deeds. These are several examples of successful persons who neither inherited any prop-

erty nor receives substantial assistance from others; yet they miraculously reached the peak of their career in the society with the help of their sagacity, persistent efforts and unfailing faith in objectives.

The key to success in each case was meticulous advance planning and planned utilization of available resources and time. Public support comes automatically to those who have earned credibility or mortality and character. The so called poor should be persuaded to cast away their grab of apparent poverty, diffidence, helplessness and inaction. They can then on their own achieve satisfactory commendable progress.

On the contrary, any amount of extraneous assistance is not going to improve their lot in absence of development of capacity for judicious utilization. The efforts will be wasted.

Absence of education is quoted as yet another insurmountable problems. The reason for it is not lack of educational resources. There is no shortage of educational material or teachers. The root of the problem lies in lack of motivation for studies. There are umpteen schools in backward areas with hardly sufficient number of students to teach, there are known instances where prisoners have used iron pans, rock fragments and old newspa-

pers as reading and writing materials to learn and attain expertise in even foreign languages. A person having a keen desire to learn does not have to seek far for guidance.

Good health is sought after even by the most affluent persons. It is, however, not for sale in the gymnasias nor it is available with the chemists. For a long healthy life, one is required to practice self control in habits and harness his thought and action in well planned routine. It is well known that even the blood borrowed in transfusion services period. Ultimately, one has to depend on regularity and adequacy of his own circulatory system.

Paradoxically, the cause of human unhappiness is considered to be lack of resources and persistent attempts are being made to alleviate through increased production and effective distribution systems. The concept is based on the presumption that basically man is helpless and incapable of being happy without the support of extraneous resources.

Thus, instead of grooming the thought-process, endless efforts are being made to provide more and more resources. Since no change in situation is seen even after prolonged consistent efforts, it is evident that there is some fundamental error in this concept.

There is yet another prevalent conviction amongst the masses that progress is directly related to money-power. This concept has gained widespread acceptance because of high style of living of the affluent, who are also believed to be happier and more contented than others.

The man on the street is, however, scarcely aware that behind the thin veil of happiness, the more affluent rich man is living a miserable life of greater anxiety, sickness and worries than an average citizen. Greater affluence has brought to him many vices, bad habits, in addition to constant jealousy and insecurity. His entire energy is wasted in maintaining his status which leaves no scope for leisure or rest for normal enjoyment.

A peep in the past shows that man was relatively more healthy, happy, contented and was enjoying a better social life earlier, when the so called modern advancement of education, resources and scientifically innovations were no-existent. It is obvious that we have paid a heavy price for the so called progress.

The omnipresent serenity and peaceful co-existence earned thousands of years through rare combinations of cultural development and foresight for future generations, has been sacrificed at the altar of the so called scientific achievements.

However, let us make it clear that no attempt is being made to decry the development of superior resources and modern facilities. The point is that these could have been put to a better use, had there been an awareness of need of the society in totality and an appreciation of benefits of equitable distribution. How else could mankind maintain a happy co-existence in the bygone days, when resources were too meagre ? The “*Satyug*” (the Golden Age) of the past was only a name given to such a happy peaceful coexistence of mankind.

How could then one explain the apparent paradox of unprecedented augmentation of facilities co-existing with the ever increasing misery? The roots of the malady lie deep in our mental attitudes. Inflated ego and conceit have given rise to rampant self-gratification, because of which the benefits of developments are being reaped by only a handful of people. This is what needs rectification.



The Total Solution : Resurrection of Virtues of Man

As discussed earlier, the acquisition of material assets is not the ultimate objective of human existence, however, important and useful these assets appear to be. Their mis-utilization brings in unknown hazards. A sharp kitchen knife can also become a potential weapon. The same holds true about power, affluence and education. Only their constructive channelization is capable of producing desirable results. Here this is also to be kept in mind that simple adherence to reformative policies and developmental social activities is not enough. Emotive involvement of the members of the society is equally if not more important.

Apart from a handful of persons in the society suffering from psychic disorders, a common man does not lack the faculty of rational thinking. Why does then an average man utilize his thought-process in destructive planning instead of formulating schemes to promote ideals, which are harbingers of comfort. Happiness and progress? To understand the reasons behind this apparent paradox, it will be necessary to know the basic stimulants governing human behaviour. There is no need to stress

that deep faith in the Creator and empathy are basic pre-requisites to establishment of a congenial atmosphere in the society. Mental attitudes have always been subservient to inner faith.

The super humans and good-men have always sacrificed their comforts and erratic desires, thereby saving enough for oblation to God who is “embodiment of ideals and virtues”.

For a social reformer, self-purification is a pre-requisite for which one is required to exert with every bit of capability. A total surrender to ideals transforms a man into a superman, an angel or a god-man. Wherever peace, progress and prosperity exist on this earth, these have been brought about by sacrifices and persistent efforts of such individuals. The present day fundamentalists, however, do not believe in this definition of progress. Mental attitudes of men in general have become so much obsessed with personal gains, that any action other than usurpation and jealous destruction for selfish interests appear to be futile. Narrow mindedness encourages tendency of exclusive possession and exploitation which is possible only through usurpation with cold indifference towards others. Consequently, there is an ever increasing craving for unnecessary collection and undesirable exploitation of resources. The conceited and athe-

ist subscribing to this ideology creates all types of problems for the society.

Let us take a broad look at the global problems. In a nutshell, the major factors responsible for human misery today are pollution, radiation, war-mongering, poverty, lack of development and increased rate of crimes. If we analyse minutely the roots of all these lie buried in mis-utilization of resources and usurpation of scientific developments by a handful of individuals of their own selfish motives. Deterioration of mental and physical of society may be attributed particularly to uncontrolled self-indulgent life-styles and vile addictions. Over indulgence in selfish interests has also given rise to mutual distrust, deceit, impersonations (aping), intrigues and breaches of trust. These are crystal indications of wide spread psychosis.

Neither advancements of science not intellectualism is to be blamed for this state of affairs. The crisis is because of lack of proper direction. Instead of utilizing the benefits of science for the masses, the so called leaders have been busy in suppressing the down-trodden and promoting the affluent. The cause for these apparent social aberrations lies in deep rooted corrupt mentality. Solutions to problems, therefore, should not be

sought in extraneous sources. To ensure transformation of the present day chaos into an orderly ideal and happy society, there is no other option than attempting reformation of character and enthusing rational thinking.

God is omnipotent. There are no limits to his capacity. He can also alleviate suffering and reform undesirabilities. His fondness for the human beings is no less than that of a mother for her infant child. It is man who has forgotten HIS grace and is wasting his time playing with toys of lust and greed. If God is to be one's honoured guest, he must be offered a clean seat. It can only be a clean conscience.

Development of deep, unflinching faith in God, when combines with enlightenment of the soul manifests itself in the form of empathy (for the fellow beings). An unique hitherto unprecedented ecstasy accompanying this realization leaves little doubt about its sources (i.e. God). It is like reverence for a well known personality or recollection of a dear one through his photograph. The communication with God is much too real and ecstatic. It transforms the individual to the core. He finds himself indistinguishably amalgamated with every living being of the universe. In such a state he sees his true gain only in helping others

and derives exclusive pleasure in acts of benevolence. Each and every thought and action of such and individual becomes dedicated to service to humanity, and promotion of public aware. The grace of God on man descends in enlightenment of his soul. When this enlightenment becomes extensive, the Golden Age (“*Satyug*”) is not far.



Empathy - The only alternative

Global problems are too complex to be alleviated by some simplistic forward solutions. Unfortunately, this is exactly what is being attempted today. Poverty is regarded as root cause of all evils. An ideal scheme would endeavour to find an easy way to create a classless society. This is however, neither practical nor possible. There is little possibility of all so called well educated and talented intelligentsia utilizing their expertise for social good. They are too busy in self-promoting activities and are on the way of creating problems for the society by their scheming machinations. Who would ensure proper utilization of wealth and talent by these people, exclusively for fulfilling basic needs? Has disproportionate accumulation of wealth not been inviting a variety of evil addictions and malpractices?

Today the global problems are sought to be resolved with the help of resources, power and talent. However, a cursory look in the history of ancient civilizations would show that wherever and whenever these three attributes came together in abundance they created utter chaos. Behind a

clever facade of help and development, groups of persons have been promoting selfish interests and impertinently creating problems all around.

Achievements in all fields of development are being impunitively used to further personal or group interests. Besides, in most cases development is assisted more for the sake of publicity and serves little purpose in achieving the objective, it is apparently meant for. Likewise, the psychosis created by undue accumulation of wealth also creates dangerous consequences. It generates a persistent craving for further augmentation and rational expenditure. Under the circumstances, betterment of the society with the help of resources, power and talent in the present context appears a far cry.

The concentration of power and wealth in a few hands has in fact created insurmountable problems for the society. They have added to the ever increasing environmental pollution by establishing pollutant emitting heavy industries and the like. Irresponsible formulation of developmental policies by the few affluent and resourceful individuals have resulted in growing unemployment. This class of people have always promoted terrorism, aggression and corrupt practices for their selfish interests. They have been creating war-hysteria with the help of expensive means of media. Brill-

liant, talented scientist have used their skill in creating potent destructive weaponry like laser-guided missiles.

The top level artists are busy in blowing sex and sensuality out of proportion. Atheism and corrupt thinking too, are the gifts of the so called brilliant intellectuals. The affluent are also utilizing their power and money in spreading addictions to liquor and drugs to every nook and corner of the society with a cold indifference to ethics. Within a short time span these resourceful individuals have succeeded in spreading all known vices throughout the social fabric.

However, it may be clarified here that resourcefulness is not considered a crime nor weak and poor being crowned for their modesty. The objective here is to call attention to the fact, that currently, resourcefulness and misdirected development are taking us no where.

It may be stressed a million times that the root cause of all circumstances lie in the state of human consciousness. Hence, the real solution to the unfavourable person or social environment lies in inculcating in the psyche of the masses, that there is no alternative to far-sighted sentient consciousness. In this context, this is also to be kept in mind that the fields in which human mind and intellect

operate and not independent. These are also subject to extraneous influence of sentiments, ambitions and orthodox prevalent beliefs. Nevertheless, in the case of every human soul, empathy lies embedded as the seed of compassion. When sprouted, this very seed transforms as and average man into super human saint or a God-man. The single element of empathy is so potent, that irrespective of any infirmity or deprivation this basic virtue of empathy changes the person into a super human being and in turn everyone coming in contact with him transforms for the inevitable Bright Golden Age of Twenty First Century, each and every human being should be made to develop and become responsive to empathy and high ideals. The attempt should be, to imbibe this feeling to such a high intensity that the individual being to identify his interests with the interests of the society.

The resources of the world, although finite, are sufficient to provide for and average living standards to all inhabitants of this planet, provided there is a will to share these resources equitably. Besides, it is the duty of each human being to utilize a part of his resources, knowledge and talent for uplifting the down trodden, enlightenment the misguided and motivating the elites and affluent for promoting ideals.

Since a craving for acquisition of wealth gives rise to corrupt practices, efforts should be made to put a constraint on such desires. The “have-nots” should be guided to shun dependence and complete with the rest of the world through their own efforts.

The objective here is neither to decry financial assistance to poor nor to discourage participation in upliftment of the down-trodden. It is only emphasized that God has made a human being sufficiently competent of self-sustenance. If he develops enough self-confidence and a will to take care of his necessities through his own efforts, he would hardly feel the need to depend on extraneous help and a will to take care of his necessities through his own efforts, he would hardly feel the need to depend on extraneous help and will be able to take care of his requirements in totality.

The period preceding the Golden Age of twenty first Century expects everyone to contribute earnestly towards inculcating sentiment consciousness and empathy in fellow beings. There is little doubt that through the efforts of all dedicated persons humanity will regain its happiness and lost virtues.



Beware of the Devils - Follow the Angels

The forces of creation and destruction are even active in influencing the human mind. These result in recurring phenomena of rise and fall of civilizations. Scriptures refer to these forces as devils and angels (“*Daanav*” and “*Dev*”). Consequential environments are also mythological known as *Heaven* (“*Swarga*”) or *Hell* (“*Narak*”). Man has a freedom of choice. He may either follow the path leading to peace and prosperity or decide to suffer degeneration. Once the choice has been made, there is no dearth of means to achieve the desires objective. One may select or collect the requisite facilities from various sources. On the other hand, it is possible to augment the means already available manifold through individual efforts. Since man is blessed with this inherent capacity, he is known as the maker of his own destiny and harbinger of future. On this desire and aspirations depends prosperity or adversity of his own self, of the society and ultimately the entire society.

There is a general tendency to take the credit of successes and put the blame for losses or defamation on someone else. This self-praise, however,

has no capacity to bring about improvement or transformation of the person. It does not change the factual position.

It is being attempted to analyse the present day disorders in the society with a view to finding tangible solutions. An in-depth analysis would clearly indicate that type of social environment is directly related to human thought process as a whole. Unfortunately, today the general thought process has become polluted and distorted to such an extent that an individual has lost the capacity to see his profit and loss in true perspective and is continuously seeking roots of suffering in extraneous sources. It is high time to look for the causes for our problems within our own psyche and if improvement is desired, fasten our belts to treat the root cause.

Every physical act performed by the body needs a nervous stimulant after a thought-process in the mind. However, for both, necessary inspiration and energy is provided from much deeper levels in human consciousness. It is like external manifestation of a volcanic eruption or an earthquake, the causative factors of which are situated deep within the earth's crust. The rain in an individual's courtyard originates miles away as water vapours above the sea.

The same analogy holds true for favourable and unfavourable circumstances in life. The role of mind and body in planning and action is apparent. The question arise who controls and coordinates these facilities? The prime motivator for both, lies in desire originating deep within the self.

While establishing the worldwide network of heavy industries, advancements of science have somehow failed to take into account the resultant pollution and unemployment. It is also possible that considering higher profitabilities, these aspects were simply ignored. When personal interests are involved, who bothers about the impact on masses?

The literatures, film producers and media men too, in their over enthusiasm for greater remunerations forger to consider the undesirable influence of their pervert creations on the masses.

The same hold true about wars. While creating war-hysteria and arranging logistics for war, a particular group of individuals thinks only its gains. Knowingly, they expose millions of their fellow countrymen and their families to devastation in attacks and counter-attacks. An utopian greed for omnipotence and affluence has made men commit worst crimes against mankind ranging from exploitations to wars. The reason behind this foolhardiness has

always been cold indifference towards humanity. After losing feelings of compassion, a normal citizen joins the ranks of criminals, oppressors and terrorists.

Had the producers of drugs, traders and smugglers appreciated in the cores of their heart that they would destroy lives in the cores of their heart that they would destroy lives of million of unknown men, they would have definitely chosen alternate means of livelihood.

The non-vegetarians are scarcely aware of the torturous annihilation of the innocent birds and animals, decorating their dinning tables. How would they react to an identical treatment to their own self? Would they chose to be non-vegetarians thereafter?

The so called husband is today subjecting his “better half” to the torture of repeated reproductions. If he becomes fully aware of the intensity of labour pains and additional future responsibilities, he would think twice before satisfying his lust. If he keeps in view the consequential financial ruin and constraints in upbringing of more children, he would definitely avoid over-indulgence in sex.

Let us not put the entire burden of blame on the circumstances. On the other hand, let us seek re-

medial measures for improvements in the corrupt thinking, which has given rise to the undesirable practices.

When empathy becomes associated with sentient consciousness, the sense of being alien totally disappears. A responsible person, when in senses, never harms himself or his kith and kin. Nor does he tolerate his own loss. If this feeling of oneness is spread to the entire society, none would dream of harming others. The devil in each heart that beats will thus be banished forever. The thoughts and actions of an individuals will then not merely be mechanical process, but guided by empathy and love be mechanical process, but guided by empathy and love for humanity and would constantly be engaged in benevolence and cooperation. Man seeks momentary solutions to problems by losing one's sense by intoxication, in order to become totally oblivious to problems and solutions. Standards of morality, however, demand that each one should develop the love and affection of a mother, for whom every other interest is subservient to the interest of the child. Then and only then, we would have found the total solution to problems and misery in the society.

